

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI  
March 8, 2022

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date in the Council Chambers at 6:30 P.M. with Mayor Dan Rife presiding. Fire Chief Ryan Huntley gave the invocation and Police Chief Bill Hawkins led the flag salute.

The following Council Members answered roll call: David Armstrong, Mike Daugherty, Ceri Otero, Craig Diggs, Alan Snow, Seth Thompson, Ed Barlow and Juan Topete. Council Member Robin Harrison was absent. City Administrator Tom Short, Assistant City Administrator Greg Dagnan and City Attorney Nate Dally were also present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Bill Hawkins, Fire Chief Ryan Huntley, Public Works Director Zeb Carney, Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson and City Clerk Traci Cox.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otero, to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

No citizens were present to speak during Citizen's Participation Period.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget Ways & Means Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for March 14.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this date and approved the claims. Council Bill 22-11 was amended to include Juneteenth and forwarded to Council. Adding a degree requirement to administration and department head job descriptions was discussed but no action taken.

Mr. Barlow reported the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, February 28. Mr. Barlow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the Tower to Tower Run on Saturday, April 30 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and allow the Police Department to assist with street crossings at Main & Fairview and also at River & Fairview. Motion carried. Mr. Barlow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the request from Vintage Rods Car Club for use of the square on Saturday, April 9 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and to allow cars to back into parking spaces during the event. Motion carried. The police kitchen remodel project was approved and is being presented in C.B. 22-09. C.B. 22-10 will change the allowed radius to fifteen miles from the Carthage city limits for all police and fire take-home vehicles instead of being based on a specific address for radius requirements.

Mr. Topete reported that the Public Services Committee is in between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for March 15.

Mr. Armstrong reported the Public Works Committee met on March 1. Carthage Community Foundation will be awarding a grant to cover the costs for new Historic Homes Tour signs and posts for installation. These signs will match the current wayfinding signs.

Special Committee and Board Liaison Reports were given by Mayor Rife for the Lodging Tax Appropriations Committee. Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topete, to pursue budgeting and maintaining the lodging tax under the City. Motion carried. Other reports were given by Ms. Otero for the Carthage Humane Society, Mr. Armstrong for the Battle of Carthage, Inc., and Mr. Barlow for the Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation District.

Mayor Rife reported on his attendance at a CEDC meeting.

City Attorney Nate Dally reported on researching the historic district because of additional properties wanting to join and gave an update on the railroad lawsuit.

Police Chief Bill Hawkins reported on the year-end police report, and he has offered assistance to the Joplin Police Department due to the recent shooting of three police officers.

Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson discussed the need to fill the gap with the lodging tax appropriations, the activity in the parks, and the hiring of new staff.

Assistant City Administrator Greg Dagnan reported on the following: an email sent to update council on GRO activities, Myers Park inquiry, changing of signs in the Historic District, a meeting regarding Marion Days, a United Way meeting, research on Historic District, attendance at a commissioner's meeting, and that he is learning the budget process.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: operating budget forms have gone out, an upcoming budget adjustment, work on revenue estimates, Region M board meeting, a TAC meeting, a CEDC meeting, financial statements for McCune Brooks Hospital Fund, and a meeting to discuss a federal infrastructure grant.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$741,010.00 against the following funds: General Revenue \$82,001.95, Public Health \$20.80, Public Safety \$540.00, Parks/Stormwater \$6,003.50, Fire Protection \$6,895.00, Golf \$7,184.99, Parks & Recreation \$39.49, Myers Park \$1,037.50, Library \$25,000.00, and Payroll \$612,286.77. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Diggs, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under old business, C.B. 22-06 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Carthage, Missouri to execute the Consulting Agreement Addendum #2 to the original Master Plan Agreement to Perform Parks and Recreation Consulting Services, between Dick Horton Consulting and the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty,

Diggs, Otero, Snow, Thompson, and Topete. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 22-07.

C.B. 22-07 – An Ordinance to amend Section 800 – Miscellaneous Policies of the Personnel Policy Manual of the City of Carthage by adding subsection 806 – Remote Work Policy was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Otero, Snow, Thompson, and Topete. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 22-08.

C.B. 22-08 – An Ordinance to amend Section 207 of the Personnel Policy Manual of the City of Carthage, Resignation and Retirement and to amend Section 2-160 of the City Code to comply with retirement policy was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Diggs, Otero, Snow, Thompson, and Topete. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 22-09.

Under new business, C.B. 22-09 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Abernathy Roofing & Construction, LLC. 1901 North Rangeline Rd., Joplin, MO 64801 for the Carthage P.D. Kitchen Remodel project was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 22-10 – An Ordinance to amend Section 10-26 (a) and Section 18-17 (c) of the Carthage Code to amend the requirement for Firefighters and members of the Police Department was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 22-11 – An Ordinance to amend Section 503 – Holidays Authorized of the Personnel Policy Manual of the City of Carthage by adding Martin Luther King Jr. Day as an authorized holiday, observed on the third Monday in January was placed on first reading with no action taken.

During closing comments, council members extended their prayers to the officers and families affected by the shooting of the Joplin Police Officers.

Mr. Topete made a motion, seconded by Mr. Diggs, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Dan Rife, Mayor

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Traci Cox, City Clerk